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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Forms PTO-1449 (4 pages) and copies of the cited non U.S. Patent documents are provided herewith.

The documents cited on the Forms PTO-1449 are in the English language, with the exception of items noted below. Items CV and CW (Russian Patents No. SU 1,371,700 and SU 1,593,651, respectively) are in the Russian language and are supplied with English language Derwent abstracts (items DA and DB, respectively). Item CY (International PCT Publication

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WO 96/34582) is in the German language and is supplied with an English language equivalent, (item CS). Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following pending U.S., International and National Phase Applications that have one or more common inventors and/or are commonly owned:


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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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**List of Patents and Publications for Applicant's
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	AB	2,981,254	04/25/61	Vanderbilt	128	350	11/12/57
	AC	3,320,972	5/23/1967	High et al.	137	844	04/16/64
	AD	3,445,916	5/27/1969	Schulte	294	58	04/19/67
	AE	3,657,744	04/25/72	Ersek	128	334	05/08/70
	AF	3,671,979	6/27/1972	Moulopoulos	623	211	09/01/69
	AG	3,788,327	01/29/74	Donowitz et al.	128	350	03/30/71
	AH	3,874,388	04/01/75	King et al.	128	334	02/12/73
	AI	4,014,318	03/29/77	Dockum et al.	128	1	05/22/75
	AJ	4,056,854	11/8/1977	Boretos et al.	623	218	09/28/76
	AK	4,084,268	4/18/1978	Ionescu et al.	623	215	04/22/76
	AL	4,086,665	05/02/78	Poirier	623	1	12/16/76
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	AN	4,218,782	8/26/1980	Rygg	623	215	05/19/78
	AO	4,222,126	9/16/1980	Boretos et al.	623	219	12/14/78
	AP	4,250,873	02/17/81	Bonnet	600	104	04/17/78
	AQ	4,302,854	12/01/81	Runge	3	1.7	06/04/80
	AR	4,339,831	7/20/1982	Johnson	623	218	03/27/81
	AS	4,477,930	10/23/84	Totten et al.	3	1.5	09/28/82
	AT	4,698,294	11/06/90	Salama	600	30	02/09/89
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	AV	4,759,758	07/26/88	Gabbay	623	2	06/03/80
	AW	4,774,942	10/04/88	Moellers	128	205.24	08/28/87
	AX	4,808,183	02/28/89	Panje	623	9	06/03/80
	AY	4,819,664	04/11/89	Nazari	128	207.15	02/17/88
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	BD	4,877,025	10/31/89	Hanson	128	107.16	10/06/88
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	BF	4,934,999	06/16/90	Bader	600	29	07/28/88
	BG	4,990,151	02/05/91	Wallstén	606	108	09/18/89
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	BL	5,151,105	09/29/92	Kwan-Gett	623	1	10/07/91
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	BQ	5,358,518	10/25/94	Camilli	623	2	01/25/93
	BR	5,366,478	11/22/94	Brinkerhoff et al.	660	213	07/27/93
	BS	5,392,775	02/28/95	Adkins et al	128	207.16	03/22/94
	BT	5,409,019	04/25/95	Wilk	128	898	11/03/93
	BU	5,411,507	05/02/95	Heckele	606	108	01/05/94
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	CP	5,851,232	12/22/98	Lois	623	1	03/13/97
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	DB	Derwent# 008650867 WPI Acc. No: 1991-154896/199121 (citing Russian Application No. SU4280143, published July 07, 1987), Russian Patent No. SU 1593651					
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	DF	Mathew <i>et al.</i> , "Selective bronchial obstruction for treatment of bullous interstitial emphysema." <i>J. of Ped.</i> , <u>96</u> :475-477, 1980					
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